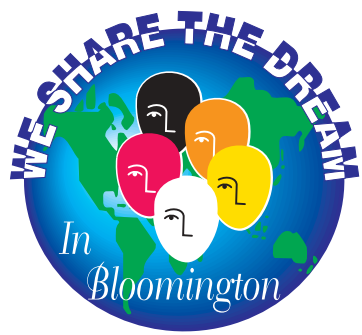


## Nominations sought for human rights award



The Bloomington Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award. The Commission will honor an individual or organization (business, volunteer or religious group) that has demonstrated leadership in promoting human rights in our city. The award recipient will

be publicly recognized and receive a plaque. The deadline for Omar Bonderud Award nominations is September 19. To receive a nominee application, call Bev Thompson at 952-563-8733; TTY 952-563-8740 or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword “bonderud.” ♦

## Keeping Bloomington healthy

Public Health promotes and advocates a healthy lifestyle for all Bloomington residents through illness and injury prevention, health promotion and education. Services that keep Bloomington healthy include:

**Health screenings** - testing for high blood pressure, hearing loss, lead poisoning, breast and cervical cancer, and sexually transmitted diseases.

**Prenatal health promotion** - ensuring babies are born healthy and stay healthy.

**Parenting support and children's health** - offering parenting guidance and support, childhood injury reduction programs, daycare consultation, home visits and WIC nutrition program.

**Disease prevention** - providing immunizations for children and adults, and tracking disease outbreaks.

**Tobacco control** - working with the community to prevent and reduce youth smoking, and increase the number of smoke-free environments.

**Prevention programs** - dealing with issues such as violence, childhood injury, teenage pregnancy, youth alcohol and marijuana use, and physical activity and nutrition.

**Home health** - assisting residents in need of these home nursing services: health, homemaker and personal care.

For more information, call V/TTY 952-563-8900 or visit our Web site at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords “public health.” ♦



## Disability Employment Awareness Month

Human Services celebrates Disability Employment Awareness Month in October with activities and events. The goal of this month-long effort is to provide an opportunity for all people with disabilities to learn about job requirements, obtain information about job placement and

training programs, learn about community advocacy programs and educate businesses about the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities. Visit the City's Web site for a complete listing of activities. For more information, call V/TTY 952-563-4957. ♦



## Express yourself

Introducing Bloomington Community Access Television (BCAT), a public forum dedicated to free speech. Individuals and nonprofit organizations learn the basics of television production and work independently, or with other members, to create television shows. Completed programs will air on Cable Channel 16.



### BCAT features

- ◆ A 1,200 square foot television studio.
- ◆ Three broadcast cameras.
- ◆ Adjustable lighting grid.
- ◆ Control room.
- ◆ Voice-over recording booth.
- ◆ Two edit suites: SVHS linear and Final Cut Pro digital non-linear.
- ◆ Video cameras, microphones, monitors and portable lighting kits.

The facility is scheduled to open September 1. For more information, call Production Specialist Amanda Taylor at 952-563-4980 or e-mail [ataylor@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:ataylor@ci.bloomington.mn.us). ♦

Bloomington Community Access Television

**Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road**

### Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 2 - 9 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday (alternate weeks), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Annual membership:

\$45 individuals;  
\$100 nonprofit organizations.



The following activities take place at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South. For more information, call 952-563-4948; V/TTY 952-563-4957 or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword “creekside.”



## Senior programs

### Computer classes for older adults

Creekside Community Center offers computer classes tailored to the older learner. Cost varies with the length of the class. Subjects include:

- ◆ Computers for Absolute Beginners.
- ◆ Introduction to Personal Computers.
- ◆ Introduction to E-mail.
- ◆ Internet Basics.
- ◆ Windows Basics.
- ◆ Word Processing Basics.
- ◆ Higher Level Word Processing.

Lab time is available to surf the Internet, practice computer skills or work on individual projects. Open Friday afternoons, the computer lab is managed by trained volunteers.

### Get Acquainted with Creekside

Persons, 55 years and older, are invited to “Get Acquainted with Creekside” at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Tour the facility, enjoy a cup of coffee and learn about Human Services' Senior Program.

### Cards, clubs and crafts

Senior groups include card clubs, arts and crafts, fitness, book club, billiards, woodshop and lapidary. Also available are local trips, food programs, support groups, guest speaker presentations and volunteer opportunities.

### Some enchanted evening

The Senior Program's annual fall dance is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Bloomington Armory, 3300 W. 98th St. The event includes refreshments, door prizes and music by the Jolly Nobles. Cost is a \$3 donation; payable at the door. For transportation, call 952-563-4948; V/TTY 952-563-4957. ♦

## Life is Like a Valued Patchwork

Human Services offers exciting learning opportunities the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$3 (unless noted) and includes a continental breakfast. To register, call Creekside. For transportation, call 952-563-4948. ♦

Wednesday, September 24  
**Every Life...A Story Worth Telling**

*Don't let excuses, fears or procrastination stand in the way of writing your own stories. Join LifeMatters founder Jean Travis to learn memory-gathering methods and writing techniques.*

Wednesday, August 27  
**Urban Wildlife**

*Join Naturalist Scott Ramsay for this fun and fascinating look at the world around us. Get an up-close look at some of the creatures that live in your own backyard. All ages are welcome. Program is free.*

## DisAbilities and Abilities Awareness Programs

DisAbilities and Abilities awareness programs are available for youth groups and Bloomington children from preschool to high school. The programs help children develop an appreciation for the uniqueness of individuals' abilities, learning styles and interest. Focus is on “visible” disabilities related to vision, hearing or mobility and “less visible” disabilities, such as specific learning disabilities, emotional or behavioral disorders, or autism. Students learn how they can help individuals with disabilities in their family, school and community. For more information, call Human Services Program Coordinator Denise Royer at 952-563-4953; V/TTY 952-563-4957. ♦



# EARTH ACTION

For more information, call Recycling/Solid Waste Section at 952-563-8750.

## Get rid of problem materials in minutes!

Gas, oil, paint, batteries and electronics are considered problem materials and should be taken to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop Off Center. If these items are accumulating in your garage or being thrown in the trash because of the time it takes to dispose of them properly, take a look at one resident's experience:

### A productive Wednesday in Bloomington



**1 p.m.**  
With no wait, our resident pulls up to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop Off Center and hands the clerk her driver's license.

**1:01 p.m.**

She pulls into the facility and staff unloads the problem materials.



**1:08 p.m.**  
Within minutes our busy resident is on her way, already plotting her next project.

**Total time: 8 minutes**

*Note: Times vary according to the day and time you drop off materials. For a shorter wait, visit the facility on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays after 11 a.m.*

### South Hennepin Problem Waste and Recycling Center

**Where:** 1400 West 96th Street  
**Phone:** 612-348-3777(3RRR)  
**Hours:** Tues., Thurs., Fri. . . . 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wed. . . . . 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Sat. . . . . 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### What's accepted

- ◆ **Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents and other household chemicals.
- ◆ **Tires and batteries.**
- ◆ **Electronic goods:** TVs, computers, stereos.
- ◆ **Recyclable materials:** Bottles, cans, paper.
- ◆ **Gas-powered, refrigeration appliances:** Camper/other refrigerators, air conditioners - call ahead 612-348-5832.
- ◆ **Scrap metal items:** Fencing, swingsets, barrels, toasters, buckets, nails and screws.

## Cleaning up the city

Residents did a GREAT job getting rid of unwanted items during the annual City-wide Curbside Cleanup - almost 80 percent participated. More than **2,300 tons of**

**trash** were incinerated, **4,000 appliances** and **105 tons of scrap metal** were recycled, and **353 yards of brush** were taken to a compost site.

*Another great job, Bloomington!*



Drivers lift TONS during the Curbside Cleanup – your preparation before the pickup makes everything run smoothly.

### Properly prepare items

Resident cooperation helps make this program a success. Assist the 150 drivers that are out collecting during the Cleanup by properly preparing your items. Tips include:

**Bag, box and bundle material.** Small, loose items create problems for the drivers and are not collected.

**Consider size and weight limitations.** Break down larger items. A simple rule of thumb: if a driver can pick it up and it fits in the back of a five-foot-wide truck, it will be collected.

### Next year... Cleanup reminders

**Do not save items that cannot be collected during the Cleanup for the pickup next spring.** Hazardous and problem materials should be taken to the appropriate facility, when necessary. These items include:

**Problem materials** - Porcelain toilets, sinks, bathtubs, bricks and cement do not burn and cause problems during disposal. These items should be taken to the Burnsville Landfill, 952-890-3248.

**Hazardous materials** - Consumer electronics, including TVs, computers, stereos and VCRs, as well as old tires, propane tanks,

painted and chemicals are considered problem materials. These items cannot be



Got trash?

It's 1 p.m. on Saturday and you have just finished cleaning up some spilled oil. How do you dispose of it? For trash disposal tips, visit [www.greenguardian.com](http://www.greenguardian.com).

### Report illegal dumping

The Cleanup program is for **Bloomington residents only** and is paid through your utility bill. Please do not encourage others who do not live in the city to drop off junk. To report illegal dumping, call the Police Department at 952-563-4900. ◆



## Recycling changes

All recyclable materials, including cans, plastic bottles, and glass jars and bottles, can be mixed together for **residents who contract with Waste Management**. Recyclables are picked up every other week and are taken to a recycling facility where a machine does the sorting.

**Note: Plastic bags are not recyclable.**

### Store your cart properly

Place all of your recyclables in your cart and roll it out to the curb on the day of pick up. Remember to store your new cart in your garage or on the side of your house at least 30 feet from your neighbor's home.

### What can be recycled

The following is recyclable:  
◆ Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, paper

food boxes (no refrigerator or freezer food boxes.)

- ◆ Metal cans.
- ◆ Glass bottles and jars (no need to remove labels, but remove all lids and caps.)
- ◆ Narrow-necked plastic bottles that contained pourable contents (no cottage cheese, yogurt or food storage containers.) ◆



# PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS UPDATE

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8877.

## To every individual and corporate sponsor of Summer Fete – Thank You!

### Corporate sponsors

Bloomington Garden Center  
Cedar Creek Oil & Gas Co.  
CenterPoint Energy-  
Minnegasco  
Clover Cleaners  
Delegard Tool Co.  
Everett McClay VFW  
Post 1296  
Foreman and Airhardt  
Accountants  
Knights of Columbus  
Micron Molding  
Mikkelson Construction  
Milliman USA

Plekkenpol Builders, Inc.  
Presbyterian Homes  
Radisson Hotel South  
Raindance Sprinkler Systems  
Saturn of Bloomington  
Toro Co.  
Technical Supply  
Valley West Chiropractic  
Clinic  
Wal-Mart  
Xcel Energy  
Ziegler, Inc.

**A special thank you to  
United Properties for their  
continuing support!**



## River Rendezvous...A step back in time

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20,  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Pond-Dakota Mission  
Park, 401 E. 104th St.



Bloomington's rich past comes alive during this living history festival depicting frontier life in the 1800s. Watch Dakota people interact with early European settlers. Learn how to speak Norwegian or how to throw a tomahawk. Costumed re-enactors will demonstrate the skills and crafts of two great cultures. For information, visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword "rendezvous," or e-mail [riverrendezvous@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:riverrendezvous@ci.bloomington.mn.us). To purchase tickets, call Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8895. ♦

### River Rendezvous needs volunteers!

- ♦ Tour guides for school children, Monday - Friday, Sept. 15 - 19, from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
  - ♦ Historic re-enactors.
  - ♦ Organizers and people to set up.
- To volunteer, call Parks and Recreation.

## Bloomington Center for the Arts

Located at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, the new Bloomington Center for the

Arts is home to nine arts organizations. For information on the facility, call 952-

563-8881. For information on arts programs, call 952-563-8567.

### Bloomington Art Center (BAC)

For more information, call 952-563-4777.

BAC Gallery Players present  
Radio Theater Live

**Where:** Black Box Theater.

**X Minus One** – Two stories by Ray Bradbury.

**When:** Friday - Saturday, Aug. 22 - 23, 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$7.

**Doorway to Doom** – Two frightening tales, "Zero Hour" and "House in Cypress Canyon."

**When:** Friday - Saturday, Sept. 26 - 27, 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$7.

15th Annual Antique  
Show and Sale

Enjoy quality dealers, food,  
free coffee and prizes.

**When:** Sat. - Sun., Sept. 27 -  
28, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where:** National Guard  
Training and Community  
Center, 3300 W. 98th St.

**Cost:** \$3.50 for both days.

### Continental Ballet Company



### PREMIERE performance

**When:** Sat., Sept. 20,  
7:30 p.m.  
Sun., Sept. 21, 3 p.m.

**Where:** Schneider Theater.

John F. Kennedy Center  
for the Performing Arts  
Approved Artist, Director Riet

Velthuisen, will choreograph  
an original ballet for this per-  
formance. Excerpts from *Cin-  
derella*, *Coppelia*, *Paquita*,  
*Rodeo* and a preview from  
their 2004 *Sleeping Beauty*  
will be performed.

**Tickets:** Call 952-563-8562.

### Bloomington Civic Theatre

The 2003-2004 season  
with Artistic Director and  
Choreographer John Com-  
mand includes the musicals:

- ♦ *Hello, Dolly!*
- ♦ *Cabaret*.
- ♦ *Company*.
- ♦ *Guys and Dolls*.

### Hello, Dolly!

Starring two-time Emmy Award winner  
**Sally Struthers!**

**When:** Aug. 26 - Sept. 7.

Tues. - Fri., 7:30 p.m.

Sat. - Sun., 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

(No evening performance Sun., Sept. 7).

**Where:** Schneider Theater.

**Cost:** \$35 adults; \$30 seniors; \$20 students.

For tickets call  
**952-563-8575**

or visit our

Web site at

**www.  
bloomington  
civictheatre.  
com**

## Adult Sports

### Fall Tennis Lessons

**When:** *Session I* Sept. 8 - Oct. 17.  
*Session II* Oct. 20 - Nov. 28.  
**Times:** Call Parks and Recreation for details.  
**Where:** 98th Street Northwest Athletic Club,  
1001 W. 98th St.  
**Cost:** \$51.

### Women's and Co-Rec Volleyball

Leagues will form in September, with play starting on Monday,  
October 13. Cost is \$410 refereed and \$255 recreational.  
Sign up deadline is Friday, September 12. For additional infor-  
mation, call Parks and Recreation. ♦

## Adaptive Recreation & Learning Exchange

AR&LE provides opportunities for  
individuals with disabilities to par-  
ticipate in recreational, social and edu-  
cational programs. These opportunities  
are for people with varied ability levels in specially designed  
programs that meet their needs. A detailed quarterly brochure  
is available. For information, call Parks and Recreation. ♦

## Youth Hockey

### Jefferson and Kennedy Booster Clubs

Youth hockey registration for Mites through Junior Gold  
(boys and girls, ages 5 - 18) will be held at the Bloomington  
Ice Garden, 3600 W. 98th St.

### Registration

**Jefferson:** August 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; August 23, 10 a.m. -  
noon; August 26, 6:30 - 8 p.m. For more information, call Brad  
Ruff at 952-835-9534 or visit [www.jeffersonhockey.org](http://www.jeffersonhockey.org).

**Kennedy:** August 20, 6 - 9 p.m.; September 14, 5 - 8 p.m.;  
September 27, 9 - noon. For more information, call Kevin Brose  
at 952-881-8581.

### Bloomington Athletic Association (BAA)

Hockey registration for youth, ages four and one-half years  
through grade 12, will be held September 13, 18, 20 and  
27. For information, visit [www.baaonline.org](http://www.baaonline.org) or call Jerry Kaley  
at 952-854-1970.

### Bloomington Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

Each year Bloomington Athletic Association inducts one or  
more persons into the Sports Hall of Fame. The award honors  
men and women who have contributed their time and energy to  
the growth and success of amateur sports in Bloomington.

**When:** Thursday, October 23.

**Where:** Radisson South Hotel, 7800 Normandale Blvd.

For more information, call Diane Moe at 952-563-8892. ♦



## Galaxy Youth Centers

Galaxy Youth Centers provide a safe, nurturing environ-  
ment for youth, grades 6 to 8. Activities include music,  
Foosball, Ping-Pong, billiards, video games, arts and crafts,  
service projects and sports. For more information, call  
952-681-5806.

### Valley View Middle School

8900 Portland Ave.  
Monday - Friday, 2:30 - 6 p.m.

### Oak Grove Middle School

1300 W. 106th St.,  
Monday - Friday, 2:30 - 5 p.m.

### Olson Middle School

4551 W. 102nd St.  
Monday - Friday, 2:30 - 5 p.m.





2003 Elections

Municipal Primary Election

Tuesday, September 9

- Council At-Large
- Council District I

Municipal General/ School District Election

Tuesday, November 4

Polling locations open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Exercise your right

This fall Bloomington citizens will have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote for a number of City and School District offices.

Polling locations

Prior to Election Day, voters should verify their polling location. See map. Registered voters have also received polling location information by mail. For more information, visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us keyword "voting" or call Voter Registration at 952-563-8729.

Who is eligible to vote?

- You may vote if you are:
- At least 18 years of age.
- A U.S. citizen.
- A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days before the election.
- Not a convicted felon without your civil rights.
- Not under guardianship of the person.
- Not legally incompetent.

Can I register to vote on Election Day?

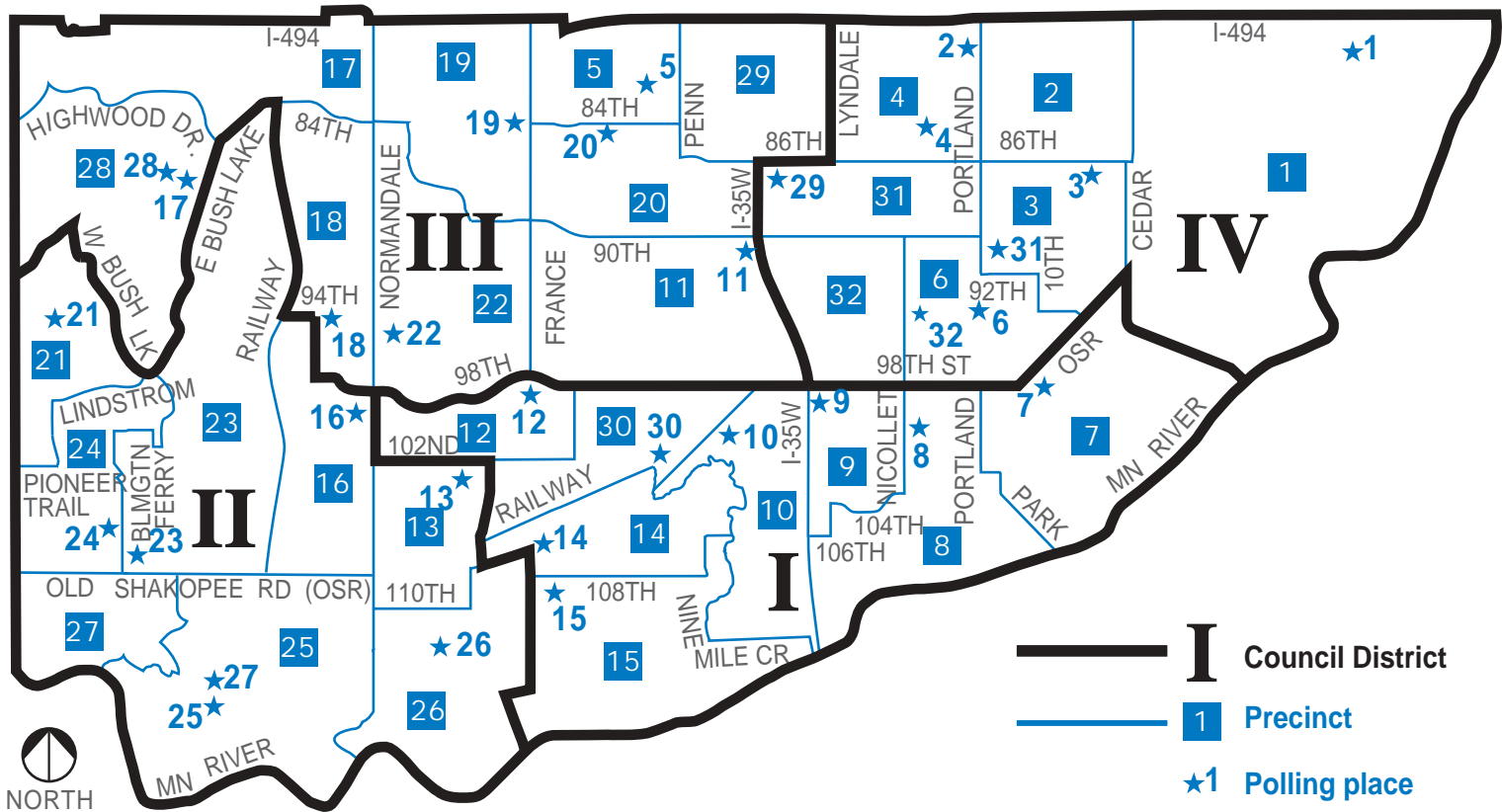
You can register at your polling place on Election Day with acceptable identification. For more information, visit the City's Web site or call the City Clerk's office.

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

- You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day because you are:
- Away from home.
- Disabled or ill.
- An election judge serving in another precinct.
- Unable to go to the polling place due to a religious holiday or beliefs.

Applications for absentee ballots are available at City Hall or on the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword "voting." ♦

2003 Bloomington polling places



PRECINCT/POLLING LOCATION	ENTRANCE/PARKING
1 MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge 3815 East 80th Street	West entrance Visitor lot (W)
2 Portland Avenue Methodist Church 8000 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
3 Cedar Valley Church 8600 Bloomington Avenue	North entrance North lot
4 Emmaus Lutheran Church 8443 2nd Avenue South	East entrance East lot
5 Southtown Baptist Church 2600 West 82nd Street	Main entrance (E) East lot
6 Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance South lot
7 Indian Mounds Elementary School 9801 - 11th Avenue South	Main entrance (N) Northwest lot
8 Riverside Reformed Church 10201 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance East lot
9 Nativity of Mary School 9901 East Bloomington Freeway	NE sch. entrance NE lot
10 St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1701 West Old Shakopee Road	NE entrance North lot
11 Bloomington Christian Church 9000 West Bloomington Freeway	South entrance South lot
12 Crosspoint Church 9801 France Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East lot
13 Hubert Olson Elementary School 4501 West 102nd Street	Main entr. (NW) West lot - disabled use front drive
14 Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot
15 Westwood Elementary School 3701 West 108th Street	Main entrance (N) West lot
16 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Boulevard South	NE entrance (Left doors) North lot

PRECINCT/POLLING LOCATION	ENTRANCE/PARKING
17 Peace Lutheran Church 8600 East Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot
18 The Church of St Edward's 9401 Nesbitt Avenue South	SW entrance - upper level, SW lot
19 St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
20 Washburn Elementary School 8401 Xerxes Avenue South	Main entrance NE lot
21 Sunrise Park Shelter 9401 Bloomington Ferry Road	Only entrance (N) North lot
22 Normandale Hills Elem School 9501 Toledo Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
23 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot
24 Bloomington Lutheran School 10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (S) S lot - disabled use East side
25 Bethany Missionary Church 6900 Auto Club Road	West entrance W and N lots
26 Southwood Elementary School 4901 West 112th Street	West entrance West lot
27 Bethany Missionary Gymnasium 6900 Auto Club Road	Main entrance South lot
28 Bloomington Fire Station #6 8601 Lakeview Road	Main entrance N. lot and Street
29 Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Avenue South	SW entrance Southwest lot
30 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot
31 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 East 90th Street (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot
32 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance North lot



New precincts added

Due to redistricting in 2002, City ward and precinct boundaries were adjusted to create districts of equal population for all federal, state, county and city districts. As a result of voting experiences in the November 2002 General Election, these changes were made: ♦ Precinct boundaries were adjusted in 2003 to provide improved service to voters. Six new precincts were created, increasing the number of polling places in the City from 26 to 32. ♦ Some precinct polling places were relocated to different buildings for 2003. For more information, call the City Clerk's office at 952-563-8729. ♦